

Affairs, whereby a Stop will be put to all public Business, must be extremely dishonourable, as well as dangerous, to this Country; but from the Motives I have urged to you, the Sense of our Duty to his Majesty, and Regard for our own Security, I hope this Session will be remarkable for it's Unanimity and Zeal, for the Protection and Happiness of this Province.

I shall order the Lord Proprietary's Answers to your Addresses, to be laid before you; and also the Orders I have had the Honour to receive from their Excellencies the Lords Justices.

The Lower House returned: Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House proceeded to appoint Dr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Joshua George*, Col. *Colvill*, Mr. *Stoughton*, Mr. *Philip Hammond*, Mr. *Calder*, Mr. *Robert Lloyd*, Mr. *Nicholas Goldsborough*, a Committee of Laws.

Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Magruder*, Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Major *Hall*, Mr. *John Gresham*, a Committee of Elections and Privileges.

Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Wootton*, Major *Henry Hall*, Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *John Gresham*, a Committee to enquire into the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, and Accounts relating thereto.

Col. *Colvill*, Capt. *Sheredine*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Weems*, Mr. *Thomas Hammond*, a Committee to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners, or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

Mr. *Magruder*, Mr. *Stoughton*, Mr. *Wilson*, Dr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Joseph Hall*, Mr. *Nicholas Goldsborough*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Osborn Sprigg*, a Committee of Aggrievances, and Courts of Justice.

Col. *King*, Capt. *Sheredine*, Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Wootton*, Col. *Gale*, a Committee of Accounts.

*The House adjourns until the Morrow-Morning, at 9 of the Clock.*

*Wednesday Morning, May 2. 1744.*

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members present Yesterday were called over, and all appeared.

Col. *Colvill*, Mr. *Thomas Wilkinson*, Mr. *Calder*, Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *Pemberton*, and Mr. *Wm. Wilkinson*, appeared this Morning.

The House taking into Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Speech, *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in an Answer thereto.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be prepared and brought in, to provide Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province, *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of a Member, that a Congratulatory Address to his most Sacred Majesty on the Failure of the late intended Invasion of his Kingdoms, be prepared, *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Address.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province, to make out new Writs of Election, directed to the Sheriffs of *Charles County*, and *Baltimore County*, to elect new Members in the room of Capt. *Paca*, and Maj. *Yeates*, both Deceased; and to the Sheriff of *Somerset County*, to elect a Member in the room of Capt. *Martin*, who, since